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In reapplication of: Marcia L. Kalish et al.

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For: MULTIPLE ANTIGENIC PEPTIDE

ASSAY FOR DETECTION OF HIV OR

SIV TYPE RETROVIRUSES

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

This Amendment is being submitted simultaneously with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and responds to a final Office action mailed February 5, 2008. Applicants hereby request a one-month extension of time, making the response due on June 5, 2008. Please amend the referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 7.

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